

**Magee Avenue Connector Project – Request for Proposals – Answers to Questions**

Issued: 4 October 2024

Please note the project schedule has been corrected both here and online to represent the correct date of the final phase.

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
RFP Issued	20-Sep 2024
Questions Due	2-Oct 2024 5pm
Answers Posted	4-Oct 2024
Proposals Due	25-Oct 2024 5pm
Interviews	Week of 28 October 2024
Notifications/Award	Week of 4 November 2024

1. To what extent are the preliminary design concepts from the Tacony Connector Street study or the Riverfront North Greenway Master Plan expected to guide the design under this scope?

While development conditions in the project area have changed since the release of the Tacony Connector Street Study (2016) this plan’s suggestions of a more natural transition to the riparian buffer and trail is still viable. Proposals and ultimate designs should reflect our North Greenway Master Plan’s intent to create a continuous riverfront trail accessible from neighborhoods that is surrounded by activations and amenities.

2. How many design concept alternatives are expected under the Schematic Design scope of work?

Two (2) design concepts will be required.

3. Is vehicular access expected to extend to the end of Magee Avenue, or is sub-area C intended to be pedestrian/cyclist only?

Perhaps unlike depictions in the 2016 Tacony Connector Street Study, the eastern end of Magee, Area C, may need to be open to vehicle traffic.

4. Are there opportunities for the design scope to extend beyond surface streetscape and lighting improvements to include other enhancements, such as wayfinding signage, a bike station, water fountains, waste bins, additional parking, etc?

RNP would be receptive to proposals that embrace Magee as a community complete street featuring additional amenities as stated above. RNP is open to proposals that embrace signage, wayfinding and graphics to heighten the presence of the river and nearby parks.

5. Is there interest for waterfront access or connections at the end of Magee Avenue, for example, a fishing pier or terraced steps down to the shore?

At the foot of Magee Ave. is a recently reconstructed outfall that includes a viewing platform. We would be open to improvements of this existing platform, but designs should be mindful of the engineering and permitting challenges of shoreline work.

6. Are there any M/W/DSBE participation requirements for the consultant team?

There are no formal participation requirements for this project, but RNP looks favorably upon those firms who make best faith efforts to engage M/W/DSBEs.

7. Has any prior engagement with Amtrak occurred regarding possible lighting improvements under their bridge structure?

RNP has had no prior discussions with Amtrak about lighting improvements attached to their structure although for budgeting purposes, these discussions may be extensive.

8. Is any construction funding in place yet for this project? If so, what is the source of this funding?

RNP does not currently have any funding in place for this project.

9. Does RNP intend to use any federal funding for the construction of these improvements?

RNP does not currently have Federal funding in hand for either design or construction but would pursue it if available.